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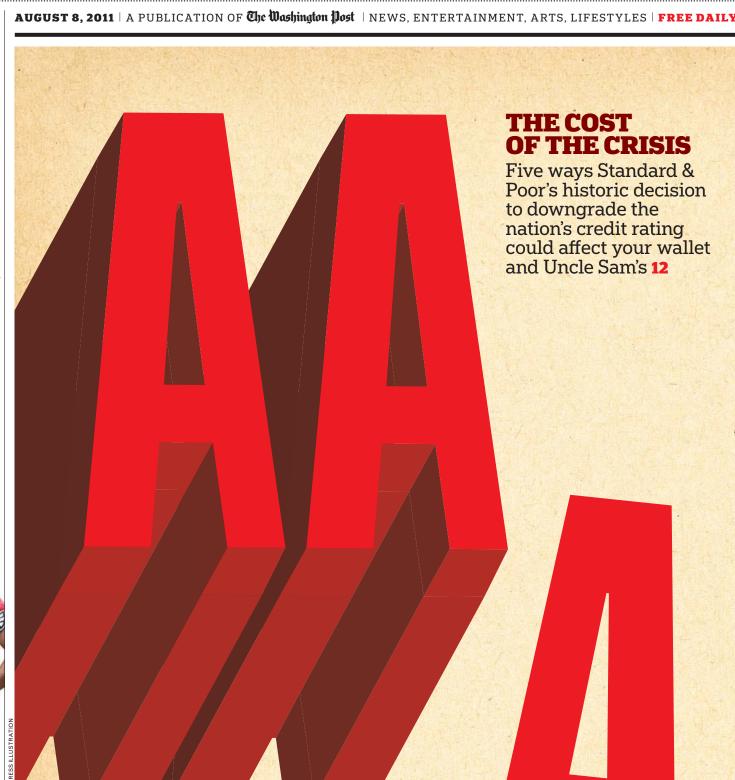
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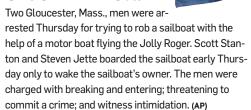




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CULTIVATION

Experimental Self-Lighting Pot a Failure in Every Way

For the second time in less than a week, a house fire in Louisiana has led to a marijuana arrest. The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office said firefighters called deputies to a site on Thursday; 47 marijuana plants were found behind the house. On July 31, Jefferson Parish firefighters answered a report of billowing smoke and found a back room full of potted marijuana plants. (AP)

SPELLING

It's 'Kancer,' You Idiot

A Cranston, R.I., man who put a sign on his garage urging a neighbor with cancer to die says he wanted to make the man angry after the two quarreled over shrubs. The sign read, "Glad you have canser so die stupid." Edward Jimmis calls the sign a "stupid thing to do" and says he regrets his actions. His neighbor Bob Gold is in remission from Hodgkin's lymphoma. (AP)



'GO GET YOUR FATHER': An as-yet-unnamed Indian rhinoceros cub bathed with its mother, Betty, in a mud hole at Tierpark Zoo in Berlin, Germany, on Friday. The baby was born on July 31. (AP)

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Much political focus shifts to lowa this week, where such Republican contenders as Rep. Michele Bachmann are aiming for a strong straw poll showing Saturday to send a message.

Recall Votes gin in Wis

Six Republicans face recall elections on Tuesday as the political backlash in Wisconsin's state legislature due to Gov. Scott Walker's confrontation with Democrats last year continues.

The NFL preseason roars to life Thursday, thanks to the lockout resolution last month that enabled the season to move forward. The Redskins will take on the Steelers at home on Friday.

Expectations Rise for GOP Race

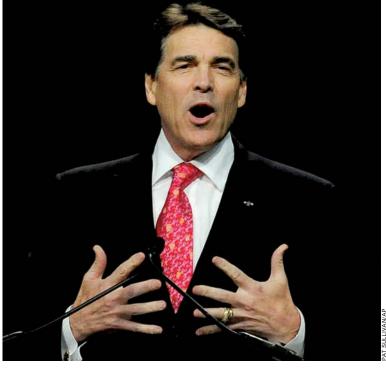
A shake-up looms with Iowa straw poll ahead, Perry poised to run

Des Moines, Iowa

A nationally televised debate, a test vote in Iowa and a candidacy by Texas Gov. Rick Perry - should he decide to seek the GOP nomination as many insiders, activists and party leaders expect - could shake up the Republican presidential race in the coming days.

The entire field of Republican candidates planned to participate in Thursday's debate in Iowa — the first that will include former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman — and most were staying in the leadoff caucus state for a straw poll two days later when GOP activists will indicate their presidential preferences for the first time. Perry planned to be elsewhere, but his likely candidacy was looming large in Iowa and across the nation.

With the first votes of 2012 less than six months away, the week promises to refocus the political world on the GOP nomination fight after months of debate in Washington over the nation's debt having largely eclipsed it. That issue — coupled with a sour jobs outlook, last week's Wall Street sell-off and the nation's downgraded credit rating - is framing the 2012 campaign, with Republi-



Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who appears to be poised to enter the race for the GOP nomination any day, speaks Saturday at an evangelical prayer rally that he hosted in Houston.

Front-Runner Status

For months, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney has led the Republican field in polls and money. Still, the GOP electorate has made clear in polls that it wants more choices, perhaps a conservative who is strong on both economic and social issues, leading Texas Gov. Rick Perry to consider a run. Former Alaska governor Sarah Palin also is keeping the door open. Romney returns to Des Moines on Wednesday. (AP)

Meanwhile ...

Texas Gov. Rick Perry plans to address the Alabama GOP on Friday and a convention of conservative bloggers in Charleston, S.C., on Saturday — the same day as the straw poll. His decision to join the race could come at any point. He has said in private conversations that he would likely mount a caucus campaign. His senior political consultant has begun scouting for potential staff in Iowa. Perry's advisers are busy honing a strategy, though he is likely establishing himself as a credible alternative to Mitt Romney, given Texas' recent job growth. (AP)

cans using fears of a double-dip recession to criticize President Obama's handling of the economy.

Neither Mitt Romney nor Jon Huntsman, a fellow Mormon who is bypassing Iowa altogether, will participate in Saturday's straw poll. But the poll has big implications for those who are, chief among them Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and former Minnesota governor Tim Pawlenty.

Also participating in the poll are Texas Rep. Ron Paul; Newt Gingrich, the former House speaker whose campaign imploded earlier this summer; Herman Cain; and former Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum. Poor showings could force some of those candidates from the race. (AP)

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Nation

Geithner to Remain on the Job

Treasury secretary clears up future with economy in turmoil

Washington

Timothy Geithner has told President Obama that he will remain on the job as Treasury secretary, ending speculation he would leave the administration.

The Treasury Department released a statement Sunday saying Geithner had informed the president of his decision to remain in the administration.

In late June, people close to Geithner said he was considering leaving after the debt limit was raised in August. They said he was tired of commuting to New York, where his son will be finishing up his last year in high school.

However, various administration officials including White House chief of staff William Daley had been lobbying Geithner to stay. Geithner has enjoyed a close working relationship with Obama.

"The president asked Secretary Geithner to stay on at Trea-

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Timothy Geithner has played a major role in shaping U.S. economic policy for years.

sury and welcomes his decision," White House spokeman Jay Carney said in a statement.

Geithner informed the president Friday that he had decided to remain in the Cabinet.

That discussion took place before credit rating agency Standard & Poor's informed Treasury officials Friday afternoon that they planned to downgrade the government's credit rating from AAA to AA-plus.

Before joining Obama's administration, Geithner served as president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, a job that put him on the front lines of the central

Dwindling Numbers

A series of President Obama's

economic advisers have departed, including Lawrence Summers, the first head of the president's National Economic Council; and two economic advisers, Christina Romer and Austan Goolsbee, Obama has also had to replace his first budget director, Peter Orszag. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is the only remaining top official on Obama's original economics team. (AP)

bank's efforts to battle the financial crisis and to get credit flowing more freely.

During the Clinton administration, Geithner held top positions at the Treasury Department dealing with international financial crises that occurred during that administration.

Now, Geithner and other finance ministers from the world's largest economies have been discussing what actions need to be taken to stabilize markets following renewed worries about Europe's debt problems. (AP)

In Brief



Employees picket Sunday outside Verizon's headquarters in New York City.

NEW YORK

45K Verizon Workers Strike After Talks Stall

Stalled contract negotiations led thousands of workers in Verizon Communication Inc.'s wireline division to go on strike Sunday, potentially affecting landline operations and installation of services such as FiOS, its fiber-optic TV and Internet lines. The contract for the 45,000 employees from Massachusetts to Washington, D.C., expired at midnight Saturday with the company and the workers unable to come to terms on issues including health care costs and pensions. (AP)

NEW YORK

Ex-Gov. Carey Dies at 92

Former New York governor Hugh Carey, who led the rescue effort that brought New York City back from the brink of bankruptcy during its 1975 fiscal crisis, died Sunday. He was 92. (AP)

WHITTIER, CALIF.

Hundreds in Calif. Mourn Former S. Vietnam PM

Friends and family of Nguyen Cao Ky gathered in California on Sunday to pay their last respects to the former South Vietnamese prime minister, About 350 mourners filled the Rose Hill Memorial Park in Whittier, two weeks after Ky died in Malaysia at age 80. He led his country during two of the most tumultuous years of the Vietnam War and was able to end a cycle of coups and countercoups. (AP)

Police: 8 Shot to Death in Ohio Family Argument



"The president will have to respond in a very powerful way, and the result for the country could be calamitous."

- CALIFORNIA GOV. JERRY BROWN, CALLING FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA TO STEP UP TO HIS GOP CRITICS IN THE ELECTION.

Copley, Ohio

A family argument Sunday in Ohio ended in the shooting deaths of eight people in two places, including an 11-year-old, and two more people were wounded, authorities said Sunday.

One person shot five people to death in one location, then two more were killed nearby before police killed the gunman, police Chief Michael Mier told WKYC-

The shootings happened Sunday



A police officer guards the site of a multiple shooting Sunday in Copley, Ohio.

morning in a wooded, residential neighborhood. Copley police Sgt. Eric Goodwin declined to give more details, including how the shooter and victims were related or what led to the argument.

Jeff Kirby of nearby Norton, Ohio, said he was visiting his mother's home a block from the shootings around 10:30 a.m. when he heard gunfire — about 15 shots.

Copley Township is a town of about 14,000 people outside Akron, about 40 miles south of Cleveland in northeast Ohio. (AP)



Overboard: Authorities are investigating the discovery of a decomposing blue shark in the woods of New Hampshire. Police said that they found the 6- to 8-foot shark Thursday night after someone reported smelling something decomposing. Police told WMUR-TV that they believe someone caught the shark and later decided to get rid of it by dragging it into the woods in the small town of Milton, about a 45-mile drive from the ocean. (AP)

Weekend Review



BEIJING

China Blasts U.S. on Debt

China, the largest foreign holder of U.S. debt, demanded Saturday that America confront its "addiction to debts" in the wake of Standard & Poor's decision to downgrade the U.S. credit rating. China currently owns \$1.2 trillion of Treasury debt. Beijing's first official response to the S&P decision was carried by the state-run Xinhua News Agency. (AP)

2 KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Afghan Militants Strike U.S. Helicopter, Killing 30

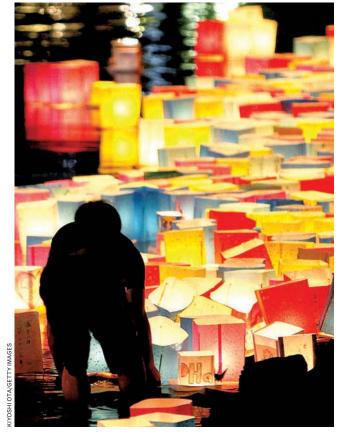
Insurgents shot down a U.S. military helicopter in eastern Afghanistan, killing 30 Americans, mostly from the elite Navy SEALs unit that killed Osama bin Laden, and seven Afghans, officials said Saturday. It was the deadliest hit for U.S. forces there. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

3 "When F-16s come screaming up to you, they are probably trying to tell you something."

- STACEY KNOTT, SPOKESWOMAN FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND, SPEAKING FRIDAY AFTER TWO F-16S INTERCEPTED MYRTLE ROSE, 75, WHO FLEW INTO AIRSPACE RESTRICTED DUE TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S VISIT TO CHICAGO. ROSE SAID SHE THOUGHT THEY WERE ADMIRING "HOW CUTE" HER PLANE WAS.

4 MOGADISHU. SOMALIA **Militants Abandon Posts Across Somali Capital**

Islamist fighters withdrew from almost all their bases Saturday in the faminestruck Somali capital of Mogadishu in the most significant gain for the U.N.backed government in four years. The militants have denied many aid agencies access to their territory. (AP)



Reflection in Hiroshima

A man arranges paper lanterns for release Saturday on the Motoyasu River in Hiroshima, Japan, during a memorial service marking the 66th anniversary of the world's first atomic bomb attack.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.



University of Alabama students graduate Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The ceremony was postponed after a devastating tornado hit in May. (AP)

T JERUSALEM

250K Israelis Protest Rising Cost of Living

More than a guarter of a million Israelis poured into the streets of cities across Israel on Saturday to protest rising living costs and social inequalities in a snowballing movement that has posed a serious challenge to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The demonstration was one of the largest in Israel's history. (THE WASHINGTON POST)









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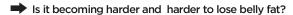
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The distance, in miles, that a NASA robotic explorer named Juno will travel to reach Jupiter. The unmanned rocket blasted off Friday from Cape Canaveral,

Fla. It will take the solar-powered craft about five years to reach the gas giant. (AP)

World

Europe Strives to Stave Off Crisis

Central bank looks to keep Italy, Spain from debt disasters

Frankfurt, Germany

The European Central Bank says it will "actively implement" a bondpurchase program that could boost Spanish and Italian bonds and drive down interest yields that threaten those countries with financial disaster.

Sunday's statement from bank President Jean-Claude Trichet comes as global finance officials discussed ways to ward off more turmoil ahead of the opening of financial markets on Monday, the first substantial trading after the U.S. lost its triple-A bond rating from Standard & Poor's on Friday.

The intense activity on an August weekend underscored how

The Italian Fix



heavy levels of government debt on both sides of the Atlantic have rattled financial markets - and sharpened fears that the global recovery from the 2007-2009 financial crisis could be derailed.

The statement from the ECB, issued after a conference call among its officials, did not say which countries' bonds it would

Waiting Game

European leaders on July 21 agreed to equip their \$620 billion bailout fund with the powers to buy government bonds in the secondary market and help bail out banks. But that will not take effect until national parliaments get back from vacation and ratify them next month. (AP)

But the beneficiaries are expected to be Italy and Spain, market analysts say. Italy and Spain are trying to avoid the spiraling interest rates that forced Greece, Ireland and Portugal to seek bailout loans. Purchases could drive up bond prices, which move in the opposite directions from interest yields.

Last week, yields for both countries were above 6 percent, moving toward the levels that upended the three smaller countries. Italy in particular is regarded as too large for Europe's \$620 billion bailout fund to rescue, raising the possibility of a devastating disaster for the eurozone economy.

Many economists see the world's big central banks as the last line of defense at this moment in the crisis, after policymakers in Europe and the U.S. have failed to agree on the kind of shock-and-awe moves that investors demand. (AP)

In Brief

BAGHDAD

Cleric Threatens Attacks If U.S. Troops Stay in Iraq



al-Sadr

A powerful anti-American Shiite cleric in Iraq with thousands of followers threatened on Sunday that U.S. forces who stay past the Dec. 31 withdrawal deadline are

fair game to attack. Muqtada al-Sadr's comments suggested that even a limited training mandate would not be acceptable to his Shiite militia. (AP)

BEIRUT

Reports: Syrian Forces Kill 59 in Crackdown

Syrian forces intensified their crackdown Sunday as they try to check an antigovernment uprising during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The assault and similar operations in at least two other towns killed at least 59 people, according to human rights groups, and the toll looked likely to rise. The worst violence was in the eastern city of Deir el-Zour, where troops stepped up a siege. (AP)

BEIJING

Typhoon Skirts China

A typhoon blew down power lines and billboards in the Chinese financial hub of Shanghai on Sunday and aimed at a northeast industrial port city. Typhoon Muifa hugged China's eastern seaboard and was expected to make landfall as a severe tropical storm Monday morning near Oingdao, home to 7 million people. Evacuations were ordered for 600,000 people. (AP)

The number of years it is expected to take to build the world's tallest tower, an investment company said Sunday, The Kingdom Holding Co. skyscraper will stretch nearly twothirds of a mile upward on the outskirts of Jiddah, Saudi Arabia. It is expected to cost \$1.2 billion. (AP)

Reports: Saleh Departs From

Saudi Hospital

San'a, Yemen

Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh left a hospital in Saudi Arabia more than two months after being severely wounded in an attack on his compound in San'a, Yemen's state news agency said Sunday.

Saleh, who was badly burned in the June 3 blast, was discharged from the hospital in the Saudi capital of Riyadh and moved to a residence in the city to further recuperate, the SABA news agency said. It was not immediately clear when or whether — Saleh would return to Yemen, which has been rocked by more than six months of protests calling for his ouster.

His absence has only added to the instability in Yemen. The protests show no signs of abating, and the economy lies in tatters. (AP)

Oil Spill Taints Indian Shores



INKY WAVES LAP AT A MUMBAI BEACH on Sunday, three days after a merchant ship from Indonesia carrying about 325 tons of oil and 56 tons of diesel sank in the Arabian Sea, Indian officials said. The Indian coast guard on Sunday began cleaning up the leaking oil, which was discovered by local fishermen on Saturday.

World

Hearsay



"We cannot take all the lists of problems and all the list of demands and pretend we will be able to satisfy everyone."

- BENJAMIN NETANYAHU, ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER, SPEAKING SUNDAY, ONE DAY AFTER MASSIVE PROTESTS OVER THE RISING COST OF LIVING. HE AGREED TO PURSUE REFORMS WHILE KEEPING ISRAEL "FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE."

Tensions Smolder in Wake of London Riots

After police shooting sparks angry uproar, officials call for calm

London

British authorities appealed for calm a day after rioting, looting and multiple fires tore through a deprived area of north London, with police monitoring social networking sites Sunday to prevent a repeat of the violence.

A peaceful protest against a fatal police shooting of a 29-yearold man in London's Tottenham area degenerated into a Saturday night rampage.



A police officer watches a fire set by protesters rage early Sunday in north London.

injuries, and said they made 55 arrests, including four Sunday. London's fire department said

Tottenham.

The violence has cast a pall over a city preparing to host the 2012

will have a fantastic Olympics no matter what happened last night," London Mayor Boris Johnson told BBC television.

Others weren't so sure, suggesting that the riots had exposed incipient tensions at a time of sharp public sector cutbacks and economic uncertainty. "This is just a glimpse into the abyss," former Metropolitan Police commander John O'Connor told Sky News TV.

The protest against the death of Mark Duggan, a father of four who was gunned down in disputed circumstances Thursday, was initially peaceful. But it turned ugly as between 300 and 500 people gathered around Tottenham's



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Money

How the Debt Hits the Books

Last week's accord will have a long-term impact for students

Higher Education

College is already expensive. Now the government's eleventh-hour agreement to raise the debt ceiling is set to push costs higher. Here's a look at how the deal in Washington could affect four aspects of paying for college.

Subsidized Loans

Starting next July, graduate and professional students will no longer be eligible for subsidized federal loans. These loans keep the cost of borrowing in check because the government doesn't charge interest while students are in school. That can have a big impact on how much is owed upon graduation.

Graduate students can take out up to \$138,500 in federal loans, of which \$65,500 can be subsidized. That includes loans taken out as an undergraduate. They'll still be able



to borrow the same amount once the change goes into effect, but no subsidized loans will be available.

Pell Grants

The \$17 billion in savings from eliminating subsidies for graduate and professional students will be used to fund Pell grants. But the extra money only helps bridge a funding shortfall so the program

won't have to make any cuts in the immediate future.

The preservation of Pell grants is seen as critical because they provide undergraduate funding to the neediest students; the vast majority of the 10 million recipients have family incomes of \$40,000 or less. For now, students will still be able to get a maximum grant of \$5,550 a year. But the odds aren't looking good for the annual cap increases scheduled from 2013 to 2017.

Loan Discounts

The government's debt deal also eliminates a discount given to borrowers who make their payments on time.

The amount of the discount varies depending on when the loan was issued. But for federal loans made after July 1 of last year, students get a discount of 0.5 percent of the loan amount for making the first 12 payments on time. On a \$10,000 loan, that's a one-time rebate of \$50. The incentive disappears for loans disbursed after July of next year.

The current interest rate on federal $loans. \, The \, downgrading \, of \, the \, U.S. \,$ credit could raise rates on loans by .25 percent to 1 percent, analysts say.

Tax Breaks

There's also the possibility that tax breaks to offset college costs could be scaled back. A bipartisan panel of 12 lawmakers will have the option of making tax reforms part of its proposal to reduce the deficit. The likelihood that the committee would scale back tax breaks for college costs seems small. But it's worth noting that almost 10 million taxpayers deducted student loan interest in 2009, according to the Tax Institute at H&R Block. (AP)

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An Inconvenient Truth

Metro outages create major problems for disabled passengers

Washington

From the seat of her electric wheel-chair, Rochelle Harrod pressed the button of an elevator on the north side of Metro's New Carrollton station.

Nothing.

She pressed it again.

Nothing.

No sign explained it was out of service. She looked around in vain for someone nearby to help.

No luck.

Harrod, 33, was born with cerebral palsy. She is one of nearly 6,000 people with a disability who Metro has tried to encourage to use its rail and bus services instead of its more costly door-to-door shuttle, known as MetroAccess.

But for those who use wheelchairs, canes or other aids, navigating the Metro system is often a daunting trip because of the chronically broken escalators and elevators, dilapidated station platforms, poor lighting and other aging parts that have become symbols of the troubled transit system.

"They scream that Metro is accessible, but too often it is a total inconvenience," said Harrod, who lives in Hyattsville.

Try steering a 300-pound motorized wheelchair onto a crowded bus or train. Or walking with poor — or no — vision along a narrow, dimly lit station platform, using just a walking stick as a guide.



 $Rochelle\,Harrod\,was\,stuck\,July\,6\,due\,to\,an\,elevator\,outage\,at\,the\,New\,Carrollton\,stop.$

"It's always a crapshoot with Metro. It's hard being a crip out here trying to get around."

— **ANGEL LOVE MILES,** A METRO RIDER BORN WITH SPINA BIFIDA.

Even relying on MetroAccess is no guarantee. Disabled patrons often endure long waits to be picked up. On occasion, some drivers never show, patrons say.

Metro has tried to scale down paratransit costs by encouraging those who are able to ride on the system's buses and trains. Each rider's situation is reviewed, and Metro determines what type of service he or she can receive based on a person's medical condition, an interview and his or her travel needs. Customers with disabilities who are deemed conditionally eligible can ride buses and trains for free.

For three years, including projections for 2011, MetroAccess ridership has hovered around 2 million per year. The transit agency said customer satisfaction with MetroAccess is at its highest level in six years, with fewer than five complaints per 1,000 trips requested.

"It's always a crapshoot with Metro," said Angel Love Miles, 30, also of Hyattsville, who was born with spina bifida and rides Metro in her wheelchair. "It's hard being a crip out here trying to get around."

DANA HEDGPETH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Sarles Not Headed to N.Y.C., Will Stay at Metro

Washington

Metro general manager Richard Sarles was contacted this week by transit executives asking whether he'd be interested in being considered for the job of running the Big Apple's transit agency, but he declined, according to a Metro spokesman, saying he is "committed to his job rebuilding Metro."

Sarles took the helm of running Metro in January after serving as its interim general manager. He has previously worked for Amtrak, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Transit.

In July, Jay H. Walder — the head of the New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority — said he was leaving the transit agency to head a company that runs rail services in Europe and Asia. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

O'Malley: Credit Rating **Downgrade Unjustified**



Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley says the downgrade of the U.S. credit rating was not justified. The Democrat discussed the issue Sunday morn-..... ing on ABC's "This

Week." O'Malley called the downgrade a mistake, but he says the decision by the Standard & Poor's credit agency was understandable. (AP)

BALTIMORE

Casinos Generate \$15.5M

The Maryland Lottery says the state's two casinos generated more than \$15.5 million in July, up about \$3 million from the previous month. The Casino at Ocean Downs took in \$5.3 million in July, up from approximately \$3.8 million in June. The Hollywood Casino Perryville took in approximately \$10.2 million. (AP)

MANASSAS, VA.

Man Dies After Police Use Stun Gun on Suspect

Prince William County Police say a man died at a hospital after officers used a stun gun to try to subdue him. The department says in a news release that Debro Lamonte Wilkerson, 29, of Manassas, Va., was combative while fire officials tried to treat him. Officers then used the stun gun as they tried to take him into custody. (AP)

The Lotteries

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All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

DCPS Achievement Gaps Persist

Data show reading, math scores lowest in wards east of river

Washington

The gulf in academic achievement separating public schools in the District's poorest neighborhoods from those in its most affluent has narrowed slightly in some instances but remains vast, an analysis of 2011 test score data show.

Children in Ward 7 and 8 schools trailed their Ward 3 peers in reading and math pass rates by huge margins — from 41 to 56 percentage points - on this year's D.C. Comprehensive Assessment System exams. The tests are given annually to students in grades 3 through 8 and 10.

The figures, made public last week, show that despite some signs of overall progress, students in schools east of the Anacostia River - who represent nearly a third of the city's traditional public school enrollment — have yet to be lifted by a reform effort that will enter its fifth year this month.

In Ward 8 elementary schools, for example, 28 percent of students read at proficiency level or better, down about 2 percentage points from 2010. The pass rate this year in Ward 3 elementary schools was 84 percent, leaving a gap of 56 points.

Elementary reading pass rates in Ward 7 declined for the thirdstraight year after growing more than 10 points in 2008. Its schools

The percentage of elementary school students in Ward 8 who read at proficiency level or better.

trail Ward 3's on that measure by 51 points. The data on

school system performance in Wards 7 and 8 also form a striking contrast to the record of some public charter schools in those

communities, where pass rates this year were comparable to those of top schools elsewhere in the city.

Elementary students at Achievement Prep in Ward 8, for example, scored 87 percent proficient or better in math and 60 percent in reading.

Many teachers say the evaluation system creates a false picture because it puts educators in highpoverty schools at a disadvantage. But other advocates say the test results underscore the need for higher-quality teachers in areas such as Wards 7 and 8.

"It just speaks volumes for the need to identify and recruit more talented human capital. We have to get those individuals in front of kids," said David Pickens, executive director of D.C. School Reform Now, a nonprofit group that supports school improvement. **BILL TURQUE (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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THE ERODED TRACK SITS IDLE at Rosecroft Race Tracklast week in Fort Washington, Md. This Prince George's location, now owned by Penn National Gaming - which bought it at a bankrupt cyauction in January - is in the middle of the debateover slot-machine gambling in Maryland. Prince George's politicians have refused to host a gaming site, citing concerns about $slot machines' preying on the poor and increasing crime. But that resistance is starting to crack. \mid \textbf{postlocal.com}$

4 Found Dead In Apparent Md. **Murder-Suicide**

Brooklyn Park, Md.

Anne Arundel police are investigating an apparent murder-suicide at a home in Brooklyn Park where a man, a woman and two children were found dead Sunday.

Around 9 a.m. Sunday, officers responded to the 600 block of Wood Street in Brooklyn Park, where a woman had called the police after receiving a troubling text message from her son. While talking with the woman outside, officers heard a single gunshot.

The officers entered the house and found an adult male, believed to be the woman's son, dead from a self-inflicted gunshot. They also found an adult female and two teenagers dead from gunshot wounds. ISAAC ARNSDORF (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Pricey Paint: Annapolis officials say they plan to sell a city-owned radio tower. The Capital of Annapolis reports that the 240-foot tower is in need of a paint job that would cost about \$150,000. The city doesn't have the money to pay for the upkeep, nor does Bay Broadcasting Corp., which currently leases the tower. The city has owned the tower for about 20 years. (AP)

Cover Story

SCARY THOUGHT

How S&P's decision to downgrade the U.S. credit rating could affect your finances

The impact on your wallet of the Standard & Poor's downgrade of the nation's credit rating is similar to what would happen if your own credit score declined: The cost of borrowing money is likely to go up. Here are five things to keep in mind as financial markets respond to this historic event. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Uncle Sam's interest rate may rise.

S&P is one of three major rating agencies that assess the riskiness of large institutions such as corporations and governments. The downgrade reflects a lack of confidence in the U.S. government to pay its debts over time. Riskier countries have to pay higher interest rates, just as riskier consumers do. S&P's decision rocked the United States — and the world — because the nation has generally been considered one of the safest investments around.

🧻 If the government pays more, you pay more. The interest rate the United States pays on its short-term loans is determined by the market for Treasury bills. The downgrade could increase the yields on those bonds, forcing the government to spend more to borrow the same amount of money. Many consumer loans, such as

credit cards and mortgages, are linked to the yield on Treasuries and therefore would also rise.

Not everything will change.

Many major consumer loans have fixed interest rates that won't change even if the cost of borrowing rises for the federal government. Far-reaching changes to the credit card industry that took effect last year prohibit lenders from changing their interest rates without giving at least 45 days notice in most cases. They also won't be able to increase the rate on purchases you've already made, only new ones. But if you want a loan for a new car or college tuition, for example, be prepared for higher rates. In addition, some credit cards and home equity loans have variable interest rates that can fluctuate with the yield on Treasuries. Check your loan agreement to see what type of rate you have.

What's the worst-case scenario for me?

John Ulzheimer, president of consumer education for SmartCredit.com, thinks the downgrade could force some homeowners to default on a portion of their mortgages, exacerbating the housing crisis. During the economic boom, many people financed their homes with two loans: a standard mortgage and a special home equity line of credit. These HELOCs require borrowers to pay only the interest on the loan, and the rate varies each month. If there is a significant increase, some homeowners may not be able to make payments.

What's the worst-case scenario for Uncle Sam? The S&P downgrade is likely to be a blow to the economy. The real pain won't be felt unless the two other ratings agencies, Moody's and Fitch, follow suit. Last week, the companies said they still believe the United States deserves the highest credit rating — but they warned that could change. To hold onto its credit rating, the country must reduce its debt and stabilize the economy, the companies said.



"It is verv unlikely that [this] isn't going to take awhile to bottom out."

FORMER FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN ALAN GREENSPAN, EXPRESSING HIS PESSIMISM ON "MEET THE PRESS" SUNDAY.

John Chambers, Standard & Poor's managing director, said that there is a 1 in 3 chance that

the U.S. credit rating could be downgraded again if conditions erode over the next six to 24 months. He also told "This Week" it would take "stabilization and eventual decline" of the federal debt and less political gridlock to win back a top rating. (AP)

A Bad Omen

Stocks across the Middle East fell Sunday as most regional markets reopened for the first time since the historic downgrade of the United States' credit rating and a sharp global sell-off late last week. The region's markets mostly operate Sunday to Thursday. That meant they were the first to open after rating agency Standard & Poor's decision late Friday to cut the U.S. credit rating one notch from its top AAA level. Mideast exchanges which mainly take their lead from larger global markets — also had some catching up to do after Wall Street's Thursday plunge, its worst since the financial crisis in autumn 2008, investors and analysts said. "We're seeing a strong contagion effect," said Rami Sidani, the head of Middle East investments for British asset management firm Schroders. (AP)

Backstory

Credit rating agency Standard & Poor's lowered the U.S. government's credit rating for the first time Friday, from the top AAA rating to AA+. In theory, a lower credit rating should lead to higher interest rates for U.S. debt. Buyers of government securities can demand higher rates because the lower rating means they are taking on more risk. In reality, Treasury bonds will still be considered among the safest and most liquid investments in the world. (AP)

Pointing Fingers



David Axelrod, a top political adviser to President Obama, blames the

downgrade of the U.S. credit rating on tea party Republicans, who he says were unwilling to compromise on the debt limit. On "Face the Nation." Axelrod calls the action "a tea party downgrade" and said it's clearly on the backs of lawmakers who were willing to see the country default to get their way. (AP)

Sports



Destination: Philadelphia

Eagles emerge as the NFL's new go-to team for the elite free agents

Pro Football

The lure of playing with Michael Vick and for Andy Reid on a championship-caliber team has made the Philadelphia Eagles the hot destination in the NFL.

Nnamdi Asomugha might have received more money to go elsewhere. Same goes for Ronnie Brown and Vince Young. Each chose the Eagles. So did Jason Babin, Cullen Jenkins and a slew of free agents.

The defending NFC East champions were super-aggressive once the lockout ended. The Eagles didn't sign every free agent out there. It just seemed that way.

Players are flocking to Philadelphia. And, it isn't because the City of Brotherly Love offers all-you-caneat cheesesteaks and Tastykakes. "Having Vick here, and the rest of the talent that's here, I think that's the big draw," Asomugha said.

Big Spenders

The Eagles haven't always been big spenders. They made their biggest splash in 2004, acquiring Terrell Owens and Jevon Kearse. The result was a trip to the Super Bowl — a 24-21 loss to New England.

Clearly, owner Jeffrey Lurie and president Joe Banner are determined to do whatever it takes to end a 51-year championship drought. The Eagles have reached the NFC title game five times in the last 10 seasons, but have yet to win that elusive Super Bowl.

"The only goal for us is to win the Super Bowl," Lurie said.

'A Championship Feel'

With those lofty expectations, general manager Howie Roseman made one big move after another to upgrade the roster. The Eagles signed 12 veterans — including four guys who've been to seven Pro Bowls — in the first six days of free agency.

They also traded for another, getting two-time Pro Bowl cor-

The Place to Be

Players who may have favored the Patriots, Cowboys or Redskins are now choosing Philly.

- QB Vince Young, a two-time Pro Bowl pick and former No. 3 overall draft choice, jumped at the chance to join the Eagles, even though other teams may have offered more money and playing time.
- ▶ RB Ronnie Brown also passed up the chance to possibly be a starter elsewhere. Instead, he'll back up LeSean McCoy.
- ▶ DE Jason Babin and DT lineman Cullen Jenkins both got five-year deals to boost the Eagles' defensive front.
- ▶ CB Nnamdi Asomugha, below, the prize of the free-agent class, signed a \$60 million, five-year deal. The move was surprising because the Eagles had already acquired Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie a day earlier, and they also have Asante Samuel, another top cornerback.



nerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie in the deal that sent backup quarterback Kevin Kolb to Arizona.

"This organization as a whole is a selling point," Roseman said. "People want to come to Philadelphia because of the organization, having Coach Reid, and having a quarterback like Michael and the players we have here. I think they're all great selling points. When you talk to agents, people want to come to Philly."

Asomugha certainly did.

"I think from top to bottom in the organization, it's first class with the head coach, president, GM, owner, all the way down to the players," Asomugha said. "It has a championship feel to it." (AP)

"It's not so much the financial standpoint; it was more about winning and putting myself in a good situation where I felt comfortable."

- RONNIE BROWN, THE EAGLES' NEW RB, ECHOING THE SENTIMENTS OF OTHER FREE AGENTS WHO'VE SIGNED WITH PHILLY THIS YEAR.

Sports

Czech Charges to Victory at Legg Mason

Tennis

Unseeded Radek Stepanek's netcharging style carried him to the Legg Mason Tennis Classic title at age 32, making him the tournament's oldest champion since Jimmy Connors was 35 in 1988.

The unseeded Stepanek of the Czech Republic won an ATP final for the first time in 2½ years by upsetting top-seeded Gael Monfils of France 6-4, 6-4 Sunday

at the hard-court tuneup for the U.S. Open.

Stepanek won the point on 29 of his 39 trips to the net. Monfils, in contrast, was content to stay close to the baseline and made it forward only four times.

Monfils, who is ranked No. 7, might have been feeling the effects of his semifinal, which ended about nine hours after Stepanek's did Saturday. Monfils' 2½-hour, raindelayed victory over big-serving



Radek Stepanek, 32, is the oldest Legg Mason champ since Jimmy Connors.

John Isner finished at 1:15 a.m., with the Frenchman winning in a third-set tiebreaker after saving a match point. More showers came Sunday, resulting in two delays that totaled about an hour.

Stepanek entered the week ranked 54th, but he won six consecutive matches, including three against seeded players. He earned \$264,000 for his fifth career title and ended a drought that extended to San Jose in February 2009.

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (8 P.M., MASN)

The last-place Nationals face a team worse than they are when visiting the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field.

PRO BASEBALL (7 P.M., ESPN)

The Boston Red Sox, who are fighting for first place in the American League East, take on the Minnesota Twins.

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Sports

Werth Delivers Game-Winner

The Nationals

Jonny Gomes hit his first home run for Washington, Jayson Werth delivered a tie-breaking single in the eighth inning and the Nationals beat the Colorado Rockies 4-3 Sunday.

The Rockies split the fourgame series and went 2-5 on their homestand.

Washington scored the deciding run off reliever Matt Belisle (5-4). Danny Espinosa opened the eighth with a double and moved to third on Ryan Zimmerman's groundout. After an intentional walk to Michael Morse, Werth singled sharply to left field. (AP)

For Nats Fans, a Sight for Sore Eyes



NATIONALS PHENOM STEPHEN STRASBURG pitches for Hagerstown on Sunday. In his first game since Tommy John surgery last year, Strasburg had four strikeouts and allowed a homer in 1% innings. His fastball hit the high 90s.



TIGER WATCH

The Hurt Continues

While Tiger Woods slogged to evenpar 70 Sunday, leaving him in the middle of the pack at the Bridgestone Invitational, his old caddie, Steve Williams, aided Adam Scott, above, to the tournament victory. It was Scott's first World Golf Championship. Woods was 18 strokes behind Scott. (AP)



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$Exhibition \, designer \, Elizabeth \, Eubank \, stands \, near \, a \, display \, she \, helped \, coordinate \, at \, the \, Robinson \, Nature \, Center \, in \, Howard \, County \, in \, Maryland.$

Design Is The Best Medicine

A former pharmacy tech treats her creative side

Elizabeth Eubank found her new career pretty much by accident. Not knowing what to do with her undergraduate degree in European history and communication arts, she discovered the answer a few blocks from work.

To help pay her way through the University of Wisconsin, the 2003 graduate worked at the campus hospital's IV room as a pharmacy technician. At first, Eubank says, "I didn't

know the difference between aspirin and insulin" — but she learned while delivering everything from diaper-rash paste to chemotherapy drugs. Realizing the knowledge she was gaining could be more salable, she took and passed an exam to become a certified pharmacy technician.

After moving to the District in 2004, Eubank found a similar job at George Washington University Hospital while mulling her future. Teaching? Law school? Documentary filmmaking? When a colleague mentioned that the job came with tuition benefits, Eubank checked the catalog and discovered GW's master of arts in museum studies (Gwu.edu/~mstd; 202-994-7030), one of the country's oldest, largest and most varied programs.

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"Today you pretty much need a master's to enter the museum field," says program director Kym Rice. The 2½-year program consists of lectures, discussions, field trips, plenty of guest speakers and two required internships. Students take five academic classes (in a related field such as history, anthropology, archaeology or American studies), five museum studies classes and two electives (most people take these also in museum studies).

The program has three tracks. The first — exhibit development and design — covers acquisition, themes, overall design and visitor evaluation. Museum management and leadership includes dealing with staff and trustees; financial oversight; fundraising; marketing; and strategic planning. Collections management covers policy, conservation, housing, cataloging, preservation and transportation.

Eubank, who enrolled in 2005, chose the exhibit track. Because she arrived with no museum experience or connections, she chose to secure five internships — two at the National Air and Space Museum and one each at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, the U.S. Botanic Garden and the National Museum of the American Indian.

Tuition is about \$52,000, and starting salaries are about \$35,000 to \$50,000. Still, "this is a fulfilling, fun career," Rice says. "The program prepares you to be the director of a small museum, an assistant curator in a large one, a development officer — anything except walking right into being director of the Met."

Or, as it turns out, a grad might work for a design firm. A supervisor at the American Indian museum recommended Eubank to Howard+Revis Design Services in Northeast D.C., which hired her as a content developer in May 2007.

"This is everything I was interested in," Eubank says of her job: "history; a range of topics; the



Prepared with a master's of arts in museum studies from George Washington University, Eubank sheds light on an exhibit for brothers Kaden, front, and Bronson, back, Raab.

"This is everything I was interested in: history; a range of topics; the ability to be creative in experiential, graphic and spatial design; and helping to educate visitors and produce something worthwhile for the community."



 $Eubank \, conducts \, heavy-duty \, research \, to \, assure \, that \, the \, facts \, of \, exhibits \, are \, correct.$

ability to be creative in experiential, graphic and spatial design; and helping to educate visitors and produce something worthwhile for the community."

Because Howard+Revis is a small operation with a staff of only six, Eubank gets to work in depth with four to five clients at once. In any week, she might be writing, roughing out a look for a graphic designer, buying artifacts at memorabilia shows, doing multimedia design or traveling to Memphis, Tenn., to consult on the renovation of the National Civil Rights Museum.

For Howard County, Md.'s Robinson Nature Center, set to open in September, Eubank worked with a biologist to frame the major messages and "get the natural history correct." She found photos that fit the budget, researched how a flour mill works so a model could be made and worked with an archaeologist to choose dis-

play objects.

Things got more technical at Ferry Farm, George Washington's boyhood home in Fredericksburg, which will have trails to illustrate Washington's teen years, the farm's Civil War presence and its natural history. Thanks to Eubank's work, a visitor will be able to walk the grounds with a GPS-activated tablet and at, say, the site of Union cannons or a 300-year-old kitchen building, see a description, video of historic re-creations or a 3-D view of an artifact.

"Don't get discouraged if you have no experience," Eubank advises would-be career changers. "Just be prepared to work harder than those who do."

Now that she has that experience, Eubank would like to become a project manager eventually. "I'm not sure I'd ever work for a museum now," she says, "because there's so much variety in what I do." ELLEN RYAN

Stamping Grounds

Armed with a seal, notaries authenticate the paper trail of life

The paper trail of a life has many milestones — the title to that first used car, the mortgage on a house, a will — and there are citizens deputized to keep the trail honest.

These notaries have ample ground to cover, and a little entrepreneurship can go a long way toward boosting their bank accounts.

Armed with a stamp or a seal, a notary (or notary public) generally ensures people are who they say they are, that their signatures are their own, that they understand the document they're signing and that the process is free of coercion. Notaries can ask people to swear, under penalty of perjury, that a document or statement contains the truth, and in some places they can oversee the copying of original documents.

The variety of notarial work is linked by the "common thread that ... notaries are thought to be trusted, impartial, trained witnesses," says Kathleen Butler, executive director of the American Society of Notaries.

It's a government-appointed job, obtained in Maryland and Virginia through an application; in D.C., there's a training session, and notaries must be bonded. Further general and specialized training is available through courses such as those offered by the ASN and the National Notary Association.

The established fees for each notarial act would barely buy a snack: \$2 in D.C. and Maryland, and up to \$5 in Virginia. But depending on local rules, notaries can make up for that with added fees, such as for time and other costs. One D.C. traveling notary service advertises base



"If I go to a customer's house, I could be there for 45 minutes or I could be there for four hours."

— **KATHLEEN POLES**, WHO WORKS IN BILLING FOR A GOVERNMENT CONTRACTOR AND AS A NOTARY PUBLIC FOR MORTGAGE LENDERS, TITLE FIRMS AND SIGNING AGENCIES.

fees of \$50 for the first hour and \$25 thereafter.

Kathleen Poles, who works in billing for a government contractor, has gone another route:

> tapping the stream of companies such as mortgage lenders, title firms and signing agencies that hire local notaries to print loan documents —

say, for a refinancing — and then obtain a customer's signature and mail back the forms. (In Maryland, this work requires a title insurance producer license.)

Companies offer a flat rate for the work, which could range from \$50 to \$300 depending on factors such as a tight deadline, the amount of notarial acts involved and the number of pages to be printed, which could be a couple dozen or a couple hundred.

The key for notaries, especially as signing agents, is to balance the pay with the expenses and the time involved. "If I go to a customer's house, I could be there for 45 minutes or I could be there for four hours," especially if it's the customer's first time going through the loan process, says Poles, 46.

To help stay in the black — she

earns up to \$300 a week as a notary — she limits her loan-signing work to a 20-mile radius from her Leesburg home.

"It's not an instantaneous benefit," says John Gober, a computer programmer for the U.S. Census Bureau who's carved a business from the same niche, covering Virginia and Maryland. It took a year of handing out business cards and marketing himself on notary listings (he recommends the ASN and NNA websites, and Notary Depot, Notary Rotary and 123Notary.com) before the workload reached a steady stride.

Now seven years in, "I turn away more jobs than I take," he says, while still making about \$500 a month.

Gober, 58, says he became a notary for the public service aspect of the job and that he keeps equally busy notarizing field-trip permission slips and other forms as a favor to neighbors and co-workers. And when called to a hospital or nursing home, he says, "I just don't feel right charging them."

But business opportunities are everywhere. "You give them a few cards and it spins off."

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These days, it's not easy for companies to inspire customers to buy products with a 30-second TV spot or online ad. Even Don Draper might feel challenged by the current state of advertising and marketing, with consumers bombarded by ads everywhere they look. Marketing guru Bob Pritchard shares his 21st-century tricks of the trade in his new book, "Kick-Ass Business & Marketing



Secrets: How to Blitz Your Competition" (Wiley, \$25, to be released Aug. 23). We spoke with Pritchard about a variety of topics, including embracing emotions and why word of mouth matters.

What are some of the things com-

panies get wrong when devising advertising and marketing plans?

A lot of people have lost sight of the basic principles of marketing. What you need is a product that people want and a name that people relate to. You have to differentiate yourself from the competition, determine the marketing mix that will reach people, and create an emotional connection with potential customers.

The saying "the customer is king" seems especially true these days.

Absolutely. Customers today have got all of the tools at their disposal. They can readily check products online; they can compare products; they can get onto blogs that sing the praises of one product over another. An awful lot of people make decisions online and then go to wherever the product is sold and buy it.

Why is making an emotional connection important?

The initial reaction for any decision we make is made emotionally. Then once we've decided on the emotional decision, we set about justifying it. We do that pragmatically, obviously, but if your company has got first recall in a potential customer's mind and they feel kindly disposed to you, they're much more likely to justify the decision positively in your favor. Johnson's baby powder has always made an emotional connection between a loving parent and the product. Its competition tends to pour gallons of water

into all sorts of things to prove it's more absorbent. If the choice is between being more absorbent and having a loving relationship with your child, the latter is the one they're going to pick.

What role does customer service play?

You have to provide knockout service. I think the key to business success today is to have absolutely phenomenal service so that you get really positive word of mouth. If you can get positive, strong word of mouth, your message will be more effective, and you'll save a lot of money on marketing costs.

What are some ways to make sure your message breaks through?

You need to differentiate your product as much as possible. That then



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gives you the basis on which to develop an emotional connection with the customer. If every product looks the same, people buy based on price. But people are prepared to pay more for a product if the company is the service leader in the marketplace or if they have an emotional connection to it.

Are there any new technologies that are promising when it comes to marketing and advertising?

I think certainly all of the social networks. They're extremely powerful at building brand commu-



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— **BOB PRITCHARD**, AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "KICK-ASS BUSINESS & MARKETING SECRETS: HOW TO BLITZ YOUR COMPETITION." THE ROOK IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED ALIG. 23.

nities. People identify with people who like the same things they do and have similar characteristics that they have. That creates an additional hook for companies, and the stronger those brand commu-

nities are, the more chance they've got of getting their product really far. They're very powerful tools but they're also more subtle tools. You can't use social media to go out and be an obvious, hard-sell car salesman type of person. You have to be much more subtle.

What do you hope people take away from your book?

I set out to write a book that any-

body could pick up, whether they're in a start-up business or one that's matured. They could take these keys or rules and apply them to any business and be successful. I tried to make it as simple as possible so they could start implementing them tomorrow. Once you get the basics right, then the rest will follow. It's the little tricks that make the difference between success and failure. You might only be 10 percent wrong, but if you're 10 percent wrong, that can make a hell of a difference at the end of the day. BETH LUBERECKI



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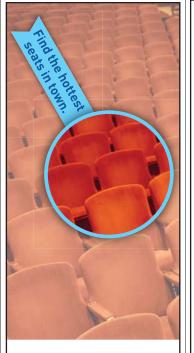
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Adaptation

Joshua Lynsen felt the impact of the Great Recession firsthand. The news and multimedia editor of the Washington Blade was laid off in November 2009 when the local LGBT newspaper was abruptly shut down due to its parent company's financial woes. Even though the paper quickly reformed as the DC Agenda (it ultimately reverted back to the Washington Blade moniker) and Lynsen was re-employed, his sudden termination was a wakeup call that he needed to come up with a plan B.

"I was fearful that I was flailing," says the Silver Spring resident. "I was really apprehensive about what the future held."

Devising a plan for an alternative career as a safety net is easier said than done. The first step is often the most difficult, because it's the most intangible. "Soul-searching is hard," says career coach Mimi Darmstadter (301-728-6487; Mylifesworkcoaching.com), who helps clients grappling with this stage of the process. "I force people to ask themselves the tough questions: 'What do I want to be when I grow up?' 'What's important to me?' 'What are the implications for other people?"

A backup career has become a necessity as many industries face huge lavoffs and even obsolescence. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates 8.8 million people lost their jobs since the economic downturn began in December 2007.

Not wanting to become a statistic, Lynsen began figuring out what his alternative career might be. While he broadened his knowledge and hands-on experience managing the Washington Blade's online presence and community, he consulted with Darmstadter. She pushed him to take stock of his skills and



Kirsten Dawson reinvented herself as a restaurant construction project manager.

interests. "I realized that my strong writing background could translate really well into the social media arena," the 33-year-old says. "Coupled with a growing interest in public relations, I thought I could parlay these skills into something really fun."

Lynsen ended up leaving the Blade in August 2010 to pursue this course change without having a new job lined up yet. "It was a leap of faith," he says. He landed a job last fall as an account executive and social media manager with Chase Communications, where he handles PR and online strategies for the company.

TRAGEDY STRIKES

Kirsten Dawson, of Haymarket, Va., had already successfully executed a plan B in her early 30s, when she switched from doing sales for a large technology firm to being a doula. She never dreamed she'd have to come up with yet another career, but then her 36-year-old husband had a massive stroke.

Dawson immediately stopped working so she could focus on managing the crisis. After a grueling year that included her husband's unsuccessful attempt to return to work, Dawson had an epiphany. "I realized that it was imperative that I got back to a full-time job that could be something that I could use to provide for my family for the rest of my working life," she says. "Because life was never going to be the same again."

As she talked to friends about what career she might pursue next, Dawson kept being reminded of how much she enjoyed working as a server and a bartender before she had a family. Those positions weren't fiscally viable options, but a friend in the industry passed on her résumé to Great American Restaurants. Dawson was hired into a junior position in the construction department, which oversees building new properties for the group. She was unsure of how much

she'd like the work, but she quickly learned a valuable lesson. "You can reinvent yourself into anything if you're forced to," she says.

Six years later, she's a construction project manager for the company. "There's a self-satisfaction that comes from knowing you can learn something new," Dawson says. "It takes a lot of hard work, ambition, and the support of family and friends, but it's worth it."

EXPERT ADVICE

Dawson was lucky to have friends who guided her toward her new



Joshua Lynsen left print journalism to handle PR for Chase Communications.

career, because the process is not usually that easy.

A key component to branching out into a new field is to evaluate your strengths. Executive communications coach Larry Petcovic developed an online evaluation program called SciPhD (Sciphd.com), which helps post-doctoral candidates find work outside their primary industry. Like other, more general skill assessment tests such as Career Key (Careerkey.org) and SkillScan (Skillscan.com), this Web-based test determines clients' strengths in 24 categories

— such as "Delegation," "Social Intelligence" and "Risk Management" — then maps those results against various jobs.

"It helps people find their hidden talents," Petcovic says. "You need to figure out the skills you have that match the job you want, but you also have to figure out how your other skills enhance your ability to work with that business, which sets you apart from other applicants."

Those who've figured out what they want to do and the skills required to do it should dip their toes in the water before plunging in, Darmstadter recommends. "Take a class or do some volunteer work," she says. "Expose yourself to opportunities to experiment with that new identity."

No matter what course one decides to take, the experts agree that the best time to begin conceiving plan B is while plan A is still in effect, so financial and emotional stresses don't cloud the process. Experts also recommend creating a savings cushion to give anyone between jobs some breathing space to weigh options. NEVIN MARTELL

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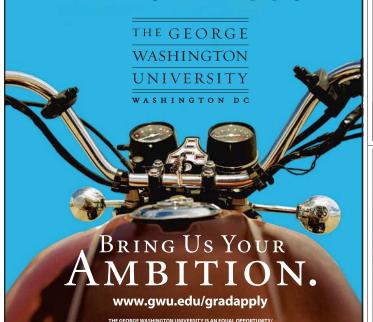
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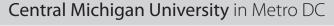
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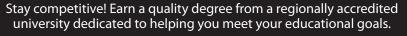
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Robert Rex-Waller, 27

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WHAT HE DOES: The phrase "tea cellar" probably conjures images of a dark, dank underground space.

The one at the Park Hyatt hotel in the West End, however, is a ground-level luxury lounge with plenty of windows. Lining the edge of the room are temperature- and humidity-controlled glass cases filled with more than 90 kinds of rare tea from China, Sri Lanka and Japan worth more than \$150,000. The man in charge of this liquid gold is tea sommelier Robert Rex-Waller. It's his job to select the teas, care for them and suggest them to guests, who can spend up to \$300 on a single pot.

"I try to figure out the perfect one for each person," he says. "My first question is always, 'What do you drink at home?' If they tell me they're only buying high-quality loose-leaf teas, then I know that I can push their comfort levels more than if they tell me, 'I just drink Snapple.'"

SUPERSTAR SIPPERS:

The Park Hyatt gets its fair share of A-list guests — the Obamas, Jon Voight and Bono have all been spotted there — but that doesn't faze Rex-Waller. "I don't get starstruck," he says. "At the end of the day,

they're just normal people who want to come in and have a pot of tea."

WOULD YOU WANT THIS JOB?

Because he oversees the Park Hyatt's tea cellar and its bar, Rex-Waller occasionally gets an oddly timed tea party request. "It's Saturday night at 3 a.m., you've done your last call, you're not allowed to serve any more alcohol, and someone will want a pot of tea," he says.

"That's a challenge. Everyone wants to go home, but we still serve them."

HOW HE GOT THIS JOB:

Rex-Waller's interest in tea began in high school when he started taking Chinese language courses. "The two go hand in hand," he says. He visited China as part of his studies and stopped at several tea estates while he was there. A few years later, he returned to spend two months touring these estates and some others in Japan. Back in the U.S., he enrolled in a series of tea certification classes offered by the Specialty Tea Institute (Teausa.com), which completed his education on how to properly taste and prepare all kinds of tea.

HOW YOU CAN GET THIS JOB:

"You should leave for China as soon as possible," Rex-Waller says. "There is no substitution for tasting and talking about teas with their creators." If you don't have that kind of time or money, you can take classes at the Specialty Tea Institute or the American Tea Masters Association (Teamasters.org), both of which offer tea sommelier certification programs.

Rex-Waller also recommends some reading material to accompany your next mug of chamomile: "The Harney & Sons Guide to Tea" by Michael Harney (\$26, Penguin Press), Kakuzo Okakura's "The Book of Tea" (\$11, Penguin Classics) and "The New Tea Companion" by Jane Pettigrew and Bruce Richardson (\$23, Benjamin Press). NEVIN MARTELL

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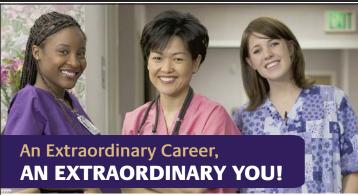


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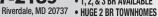
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Charlie Sheen plans to celebrate his sitcom character's demise 31

Booze Clues

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August is the month that D.C. bars attempt to lure people into going out when we'd all rather be on vacation or sitting in front of an air conditioner watching pirated TV on the Internet. So it's a particularly tough month



for sports bars; sure, there's baseball, but it's not like hockey season, when you can fill your bar with riled-up fans who will drink absolutely everything they can get their hands on.

To combat this summer slump, Redline (707 G St. NW), a polished sports spot, will be showing classic films every Monday in August. Last week it was "Casablanca," and while the bar was by no means full, several people were definitely mouthing lines from the film along with Humphrey Bogart. At press time, the movie for tonight hadn't been announced, but an online poll on the bar's Facebook page to select the film had "The Godfather" leading by a mile, so expect to order some bruschetta. Oh, that's the other part: During the movie, which starts at 7 p.m., all appetizers are 20 percent off, and original cocktails based on the featured film go for \$6.

Jazz in the ... Arlington

Never make it to the live jazz shows in the National Gallery of Art's sculpture garden, because you live in Virginia? On Thursdays through Sept. 8, Artisphere (1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Artisphere.com) will hold a live jazz happy hour from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Food and drinks are \$3 to \$5, and the music starts at 5:30 p.m. and goes till 8:30 p.m.

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Pre-Games Anxiety

A journalist recounts how Beijing whipped itself into shape for the 2008 Olympics

Books

When Tom Scocca followed his wife to a new job in China in 2004, he seized the chance to chronicle Beijing's transformation as it prepared to host the 2008 Olympics.



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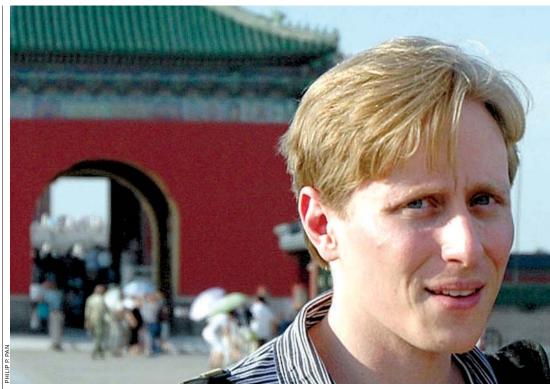
sports blog Deadspin, charts China's struggle to finish numerous public works projects.

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Tom Scocca's "Beijing Welcomes You" is a firsthand account of Beijing's preparations for the 2008 Olympic Games.

Your son was born prematurely in Beijing. What was that like?

"The Chinese medical system [is] much more aggressive about securing payment. We were supposed to pay cash up front."

were opening up the country to the press and welcoming foreigners, but at the same time the security apparatus was trying to ensure nothing would disrupt the games.

When were you last in China?

Last spring. I wanted to see what was holding up and what wasn't.

Such as the China Central Television building designed by Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas, which never opened?

China Central Television was sup-

posed to be broadcasting from there [during the Olympics], but they didn't make that deadline at all. Its sister building caught on fire in a fireworks accident. So, when I went back, this building that was going to be one of the official centerpieces of the new Beijing in 2008 was still sitting there, empty, next to the charred hulk of its sister building. CHRISTOPHER PORTER

 Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut
 Ave. NW; Wed., 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, Politics-prose.com. (Van Ness)



entertainment lookout

Macca's Magic Show

The ex-Beatle's effort to help New York City after 9/11 is captured in a new documentary

Television

Paul McCartney experienced 9/11 through the window of a jet on the tarmac of New York's JFK airport.

"Out of the window on the right side of the airplane you could see the twin towers," said the singer, who was on his way back to England after a visit to America. "You could see one plume of smoke. Then you could see two, shortly thereafter. And I said, 'That's just an optical illusion."

It wasn't, of course. The plane McCartney was on, like every other, was grounded. And before long, he was trying to think of how to respond to the attacks and what he could do to help.

The result was a "Concert for New York," which McCartnev helped organize. He was joined onstage a few weeks later by David



Paul McCartney says the upcoming anniversary of 9/11 spurred the documentary.

Bowie, Elton John, Billy Joel and many others for the event at Madison Square Garden, a benefit for the city.

That Oct. 20, 2001, concert now serves as the framework for a new film, "The Love We Make." Directed by legendary documentary filmmaker Albert Maysles, it captures McCartney's firsthand observations of 9/11, and concert performances and backstage preparations. It premieres on Showtime on Sept. 10.

"I've lucked out to be in a profession where I can actually help

- PAUL MCCARTNEY, WHOSE POST-9/11 "CONCERT FOR NEW YORK" IS THE SUBJECT OF A NEW DOCUMENTARY. "THE LOVE WE MAKE."

The film wasn't finished until recently, McCartney said. "The fact of the 10th anniversary spurred me into thinking, 'Wait a minute! Albert took some great footage back then that we never did anything with.'

McCartney said the concert exemplifies his theory that "music can really be healing."

"I've lucked out to be in a profession where I can actually help heal, let people get in touch with their emotions," while, at the same time, he gets in touch with his.

"It's a magical thing, And I do mean that. People say, 'You believe in magic?' I really do. I have to." FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

Nadler Isin Good Company

Album Review

Boston song-poet Marissa Nadler opens her self-titled fifth album with nothing but voice and finger-picked acoustic guitar. Yet the reach of that first tune, "In Your Lair, Bear," gradually expands.



Nadler

a cymbal crash signals a shift, and Nadler is no longer alone. In fact, she's in excellent hands: Brian McTear, Philadel-..... phia's leading art-

After 100 seconds,

pop producer, and accompanist Carter Tanton devise an elegant setting for her vocals.

The instruments don't overwhelm Nadler, which is crucial, as most of her material is about afterthe-affair emptiness and regret. McTear and Tanton complement Nadler's limpid mezzo-soprano with plaintive steel guitar, woozy synths and yearning violins.

Nadler's lyrical reveries can verge on the juvenile, but her singing and the arrangements sound all grown-up. "Marissa Nadler" is, on balance, a mature work. MARK JENKINS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

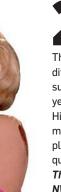


Cul-de-Sacked Wisteria Lane is facing a dead end. ABC confirmed reports that the upcoming eighth season of "Desperate Housewives" will be its last. "We want to make sure it has its victory lap," ABC Entertainment President Paul Lee said in an announcement Sunday. The glossy prime-time soap with an ensemble cast including Eva Longoria, left, made a ratings splash when it premiered in 2004 but has since seen a falloff in the ratings. (AP)

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'Diamonds' in the Rough Marilyn Monroe was at her best when she was allowed to be funny, and her performance as gold digger Lorelei Lee in the 1953 movie musical "Gentleman Prefer Blondes" is certainly that. It's also the source of her iconic "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend," which everyone from Madonna to Nicole Kidman has attempted unsuccessfully to replicate. National Mall, between 8th and 14th streets; dusk, free; 877-262-5866, Savescreenonthegreen.com. (Smithsonian)



The Call Is **Coming From** Inside the House

The National Theatre's annual tradition of screening classic films on summer nights is ending for the year with "Dial M for Murder," Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 thriller about a man set on killing his unfaithful wife, played by Grace Kelly before she quit to become a princess. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, Nationaltheatre. org. (Metro Center)

Fountains Of Wavne's

Adam Schlesinger, a founding member of Fountains of Wayne, is responsible for the title song of "That Thing You Do!," and for that we are forever indebted to him. The songs he writes with the band are similarly catchy, though



FoW have lasted far longer than the doomed Wonders from the film. On Sunday, the band played an electric show at the Birchmere, but Monday night it'll be switching to acoustic. Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$30; 703-549-7500, Birchmere.com.

lookout TV tonight





Bachelor Pad Can dating-show alumni - specifically, alumni of past seasons of "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" — share a house without driving one another crazy? Probably not, especially since the second season's batch of house mates includes Season 14 "Bachelor" Jake Pavelka, left; his chosen oneturned-ex, Vienna Girardi; and Vienna's current beau, Kasey Kahl.

American Pickers Mike and Frank meet a man who has created a museum devoted to the history of the telephone. It's a collector of vintage cars who may be the key to a big score, however.

Weeds Nancy (Mary-Louise Parker, right) sells weed to the crowd at Doug's softball game. The opening of Andy's bike shop coincides with the opening of Silas' pot business out of the store's backroom. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



SUPERHEROES

Costume Drama



powers, but that doesn't stop Mr. Xtreme; Dark Guardian; Zimmer; and Master Legend, right, from donning homemade costumes and protecting the citizenry from the criminal element. This documentary tells the stories of these reallife caped crusaders. Mr. Xtreme patrols the streets of San Diego; Master Legend keeps Orlando, Fla., safe; Zimmer

and Dark Guardian

are based in New

York. (TM)



Food



Cake Stories

He may be the Ace of Cakes, but he appreciates other people's desserts, too. In the new series "Sugar High" (10:30 p.m., Food), Duff Goldman, shown, crisscrosses the country meeting the people and hearing the stories behind great desserts. (TM)



unions lookout

Lisa Cheung, Yeoshen Tsui

Lisa, 27, is an accounting supervisor. Shen, 30, is a financial adviser. They'll live in Gaithersburg, Md., after their wedding.

THE MAIN EVENT: Sept. 10 in Leesburg, Va. After the wedding, they'll have a Chinese tea ceremony at which the couple serves tea to their parents and older relatives to symbolize paying their respect.

HOW THEY MET: In the now-closed MCCXXII, or Club 1223. "We were dancing, and I outdanced her. That's when I knew she was the one."

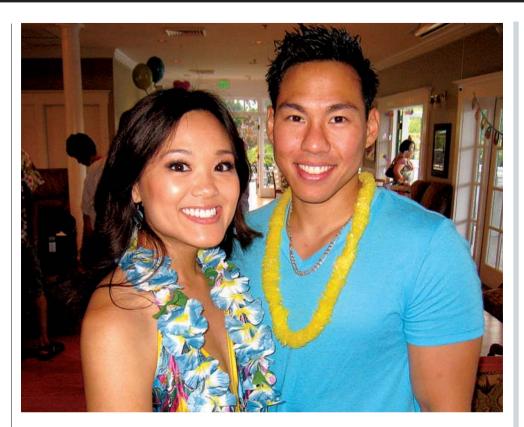
FIRST DATE: They went to see "The Good Shepherd." "It was terrible, so we left 20 minutes into it and went shopping," Shen says.

HOW HE PROPOSED: He told her to come to a Labor Day happy hour. When she arrived, she found a trail of roses leading to a table for two with champagne and sushi. "This was very sweet, since he hates sushi."

STUPIDEST FIGHT: When Shen didn't want to leave a party, because he was on a four-hour beer-pong winning streak.

PET NAMES: He's "Beenie," a combo of "baby, sweetie and hunnie."

THEIR SONG: Edwin McCain's "I'll Be."



"WE WERE DANCING, AND I OUTDANCED HER. THAT'S WHEN I KNEW SHE WAS THE ONE." - SHENTSUI

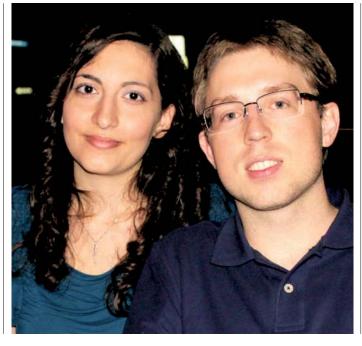
Dylan Gardner, Mariangela Patruno

Dylan, 24, works for the IRS. Mariangela, 22, works for Baker Tilly. They live in Fairfax.

THE MAIN EVENT: On Aug. 15, at the Jefferson Memorial. "We're both rather new to the D.C. area and currently love everything about it," Mariangela says, which explains their choice of wedding venue.

HOW THEY MET: Online, on the GameFAQs.com forums. After months of talking, she was coming to a college two hours away for a tour, and he drove the two hours to tour with her. "We just clicked," Dylan says.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "I thought she



was too beautiful to be playing video games."

FIRST DATE: Bowling.

HOW HE PROPOSED: After a walk around a lake, lunch at a steak house, a movie and dinner at home.

He spent the whole day trying to find the right time to propose and finally did it on his back porch at the end of the night.

MOST-HATED CLOTHING ITEM: Her "old-fashioned" purple nightgown; his Ohio State hat. "Dylan loves to wear baseball hats whenever he isn't at work, and I love to actually see his hair."

STUPIDEST FIGHT: Over how to get married. "It's very hard to plan a wedding when your family is all over the place and you are just trying to get settled in a new location," Mariangela says.



Julie Haimann, Rob Hatch

Julie, 25, works for the federal government. Rob, 28, is an attorney. They will live in Springfield, Va., once they are married.

THE MAIN EVENT: An Aug. 13 soiree in Blacksburg, Va., on the grounds of a historic plantation and country home. **HOW THEY MET:** At a Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints conference. "Rob complimented me on my glasses."

FIRST DATE: Since he knew she'd studied Arabic, they saw an IMAX movie about the Islamic scholar and pilgrim Ibn Battuta's journey to Mecca at the Smithsonian.

HOW HE PROPOSED: At the tree in Rock Creek Park where they had first said, "I love you." They then walked to Baked & Wired for cupcakes and a free turnover. "They were impressed that we went to their cafe immediately after our engagement," Julie says. MOST-HATED CLOTHING ITEM: His

PET NAMES: She's "Booger" or "Habibti," Arabic for "Beloved." He's "Habibi" or "Caterpillar."

"putrid" vellow tie.

WHEN HE KNEW: While he was taking the New York bar exam, she sent him a supportive text each evening after the test. "I knew then she had a heart of gold."



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Yesterday's Results

DO YOU THINK WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF A GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECESSION?

"Hope so. I have a fishing license, no bait and a full cooler of beer."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

"Why doesn't it occur to

any of you that most of the economic problem is because of our two wars in Iraq and in Afghanistan? We were prosperous before the Vietnam War which faded quickly during the Vietnam War in the '70s, then we recovered in the '80s and '90s until Bush Jr. was elected."

COMMENTER EHM

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"Oh, right, black people are not allowed to have money or party unless the white people in the country get their party and money first. It's like this negro president of ours STILL cannot remember the rules."

— **WONKETTE.COM** WAS BLOWN AWAY BY THE FOXNATION.COM HEADLINE "OBAMA'S HIP-HOP BBQ DIDN'T CREATE JOBS" FOR A STORY ABOUT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY, PAIRED WITH HEAD SHOTS OF CHARLES BARKLEY, CHRIS ROCK AND JAY-Z.

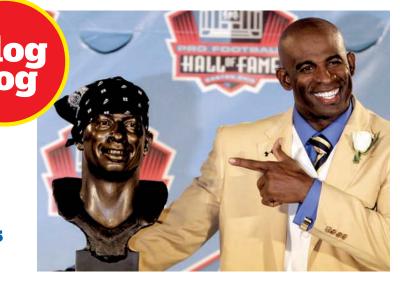
"It's just ridiculous that on a hot summer day, at a swimming pool where there are likely preteens showing way more skin than this nursing mom, in a state that declares that breasts aren't even private parts, that there'd even be an issue ... not once, but TWICE, for the same woman, at the same pool."

— **THESTIR.CAFEMOM.COM** LAMENTS THE STORY OF A NORWALK,
OHIO, WOMAN WHO WAS REPEATEDLY HARASSED AT A LOCAL POOL WHILE
SHE WAS BREAST-FEEDING FOR HER BABY LAST WEEK.

"Rachael Taylor describes Charlie's Angels remake as Jack Bauer and Carrie Bradshaw's love child."

-@VLADAGELMAN TWEETED LIVE FROM ABC'S UPFRONTS WEEK 2011, WHERE TAYLOR—ONE OF THE "ANGELS" STAPS

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— **BUSINESSINSIDER.COM** WAS A FAN OF THE FORMER NFL CORNERBACK'S SPEECH SATURDAY IN CANTON, OHIO, IN WHICH SANDERS THANKED HIS MOTHER FOR BEING HIS MOTIVATION TO PLAY FOOTBALL.



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Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can try something new and enjoy it as if it is familiar, comfortable and absolutely right for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Something you have kept to yourself for some time is ready to be revealed, but there are emotional issues at play that must be considered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may not trust your instincts during the first part of the day, when many decisions are being made. Later on, it's a different story.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are more than willing to do what you are told, but there will be one or two situations in which you must think for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're ready to put your money where your mouth is. Don't be fooled by someone who is suggesting the impossible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

It's time for you to come alive and do what you can to help the team. When you are at your best, you can't be beat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may fall behind in certain pursuits, but your commitment to excellence will even the playing field and see you through.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) One or two more steps and you've reached your destination; take care that you don't stumble because you are moving too quickly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

What appears threatening at first may actually be something you can take advantage of when the time is right. Others will be surprised.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are offering some of your best ideas to the cause, but there is someone who believes that you don't yet have it right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It may seem to someone else that you're near the end of your rope, but in truth you still have a few tricks up your sleeve.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something you say to that special someone may be just the thing to smooth over a difficult situation and restore harmony in all areas.



Scrabble Grams PAR SCORE 190-200, BEST SCORE 270 2nd Letter RACK 1 Double RACK 2 Triple Word Score RACK 3

Friday's Solution

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H ₄ O ₁ T ₁ T ₁ E ₁ S ₁ T ₁	RACK 4 =	60
PAR SCORE 205-215	TOTAL	271

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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Friday's Solution

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Tomorrow: A thunderstorm possible

tomorrow. A touch of rain tomorrow night.







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Crossword

ACROSS 1 Enciphered

6 Annoying email

10 Protein-rich hean

14 Love, Italian style

15 Emulate an expectant father

16 Biggers' sleuth

17 Part of the rhythm section

19 Summoned, as the butler

20 Even, as odds

21 Hangs a right

22 Sit back?

23 Yield to temptation

26 IRS IDs

27 Box score data

28 Squabbling

31 Backsplash square

32 Gilbert & Sullivan princess

35 Be incautious

40 Storm center

41 On the road

42 Hawaiian goose

43 Deuce follower, in tennis

44 No-see-um

47 Emulating an armed gangster

51 Merino noise

54 Designer Perry

55 Profitable operations

57 Blighted urban area 58 Be unceremoniously

dismissed

60 Ty, the "Georgia Peach"

61 Lotion additive

62 " -Tikki-Tavi"

63 In that case

64 Polar explorer Richard

65 Chief city of the Ruhr vallev

DOWN

1 "Murder, She Wrote"

setting: ___ Cove

6 Punishes, in a way

2 Saudi neighbor

3 Prescribed amounts

4 Once, once upon a time

5 Bus terminals

7 Check entry

8 "Dead man's hand" card

9 Debussy's "La ____ 10 O.R. wear

11 Butler's lady

12 One-named New Age musician

13 Distressed state

18 Money to tide one over

21 Article of faith

24 Wedding band,

perhaps?

25 Online video source

26 Financial offering (ahhr.)

28 Great reverence

29 First car, for many?

30 Angry feeling

31 Your, in the Bible

32 Suffix for "hero"

33 Reading room, for some

34 Took back, as words

36 Sinai streambeds

37 "Heads ____, tails you

lose"

38 Orange-flavored beverage

61

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39 Queen of the hill?

43 With hands on hips

44 Prepared, as Parmesan

45 Between-meals munchie

46 Stick like glue

47 "Home Alone" actor

Joe

48 _ the above

49 Black suit?

50 Part player

51 Bibliophile's collection

52 Stopped slumbering

53 Invite for a nightcap, e.g. 56 Certain Greek letters

FISH OR CUT BAIT

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58 Prattle

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59 Cambridgeshire isle

Friday's Solution

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<mark>loday</mark> in History

The U.S. and South Korea initial a mutual security pact.

President Nichalan announces his resignation, President Richard Nixon effective the next day, after damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal.

The Federal Reserve leaves a benchmark interest rate unchanged after 17 consecutive rate hikes over more than two years.



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people lookout



SIX FIGURES CAN MEAN A LOT **The Situation Signs Deal** Worth \$100,000, \$999,999 **Or Something in Between**

TMZ.com reports that Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino has signed a six-figure deal to be the face of Boca Tanning Club, a tanning salon business. Sorrentino's company, MPS Entertainment, will take an ownership stake in the business, too. He wants to open four salons in New Jersey within the next 12 months. (EXPRESS)

POLARIZING

The Ravings of a Lunatic, or Your Worst Fears Realized?

Mercede Johnston, sister of Levi Johnston, tells Playboy that Bristol Palin's pregnancy was not an accident: "She and Levi planned it. They were trying to conceive for months." Mercede also said about 70 percent of Wasilla, Alaska, residents can't stand Sarah Palin and that Track Palin used Oxy-Contin and cocaine. (EXPRESS)



Coco was incensed. Did Mercede have to dominate EVERY photo of them?





When all this ugliness is over, they should really do a body-swapping movie together.

Dirtbag Digest

'Thanks, But Do I Know You?'

In an open letter posted on Radaronline.com, Michael Lohan tells Ryan O'Neal "I have come to KNOW, that as fathers, we can only hold ourselves accountable, for our part, for so long." O'Neal's son Redmond is struggling with drug addiction. (EXPRESS)



OUR HERO

If You Are This Man, **Contact Us Immediately**

Kate Gosselin was, unbeknownst to us, shooting "Kate Plus 8" at Georgetown Cupcakes recently. In the episode, airing Monday, she attempts to win over a handsome man by giving him a free a cupcake. He later tells the camera he has no idea who she is. (EXPRESS)

very real movie theater,

with my very real

hotties in tow." (EXPRESS)



"It's like owning a dog, and the dog will only sit next to its master. It's comfortable. If she's away from me, she pines. She's unhappy. She has to sit next to me."

- SIMON COWELL CHARMINGLY EXPLAINS WHY PAULA ABDUL WILL BE SEATED NEXT TO HIM AT THE JUDGES' TABLE ON "THE X FACTOR."



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